

REMARKS

In the Examiner's Answer mailed on June 13, 2008, the Examiner has reconsidered and withdrawn some of the rejections previously of record. In a telephone interview dated July 17, 2008, the Examiner confirmed to Appellants' representative that claims 2, 5, 8, and 11 no longer had any rejections of record, so that a number of claims would be immediately allowable, if properly rewritten and the remainder of the claims were canceled.

Accordingly, Appellants wish to reopen prosecution, rather than proceed immediately to appeal, in order to permit this subject matter to pass immediately to allowance.

As best understood, the attached claim amendments with claims 1, 3-7, and 9-12 are now in condition for an immediate allowance, with all other claims canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1, 3-7, and 9-12, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,



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